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April 26, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC Secretary Dortch:

I am sending **this** letter on behalf of Bedford Regional Medical Center, Bedford, IN, to endorse the Indiana Health Network **Grant** that is being submitted through the Indiana Rural Health Association and partner organizations to develop **an FCC Rural Health Pilot Program** in our State. We believe that the Indiana I-health Network will provide **an** opportunity for much needed development of resources and **infrastructure** to improve **the** capabilities of rural communities to better provide healthcare programs and services throughout our State.

Bedford Regional Medical Center is a general acute care hospital that provides a variety of services to patients in Lawrence County, ~~Madison~~ Martin County, Orange County and other communities in south central Indiana. We are a critical access hospital under the Medicare program guidelines. **The** potential development of improved access to telecommunications infrastructure for our community could have **significant** value to better meet the healthcare needs of our multi-county service area. We are particularly interested in developing the resources to collaborate with larger tertiary care institutions in Bloomington and Indianapolis, IN, as well as organizations providing healthcare data resources throughout other parts of Indiana and our nation. This program creates the potential for us to begin these developments.

We have a strong established relationship working with the Indiana Rural Health Association in other programmatic initiatives that **have** provided good **value** to our community. We are very committed to supporting **this** project through our participation and involvement with whatever means we have available, and hope that the FCC will provide the finding resources to our State that gets **this** project on the move.

We thank you very much for your consideration of **this** application.

Sincerely,

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cc: Indiana Rural Health Association



Blackford Community Hospital

April 27, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Dortch:

This letter is intended as an indication of Blackford Community Hospital's support of *the* Indiana Health Network's (Network currently being planned) response to **the** Federal Communication Commission's Rural Healthcare Pilot Program.

Blackford Community Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital located in Hartford City, Indiana. The Hospital is committed to the improvement of the health and well-being of the residents of Blackford County and its' surrounding communities. The Hospital's commitment to its mission will be strengthened through collaboration with other healthcare providers. The planned Indiana Health Network will be beneficial to Indiana's rural healthcare providers and rural residents because the **network** will provide improved access to broadband services and will provide improved facility connectivity. This improved connectivity will enhance local access to quality healthcare services.

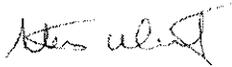
Blackford Community Hospital is already connected to a nearby tertiary hospital, Ball Memorial Hospital, through two T-1 lines and a DXL line. The T-1 lines and the DXL line in use are already nearing capacity. In the future, as the Hospital acquires new radiology equipment, the demand for additional, improved, connectivity to other healthcare institutions will become even more apparent. In addition, access to other telemedicine opportunities will develop in the future. As the opportunities develop, *the* need for improved connectivity will become even more apparent.

Blackford Community Hospital is committed to participation in *the* Indiana Health Network. The Hospital anticipates connecting to the Network, implementing and/or improving tele-health applications, and participation in the Network's advisory board and working committees. The Hospital also anticipates contributing to *the* Network through a monthly participation fee. A monthly participation fee should help ensure the sustainability of this Network. In addition, Blackford Community Hospital is willing to lend its' staff expertise to the development of *the* Network's activities.

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Hopefully, the information submitted by the Indiana Health Network and the commitment of the participating organizations will help convince the Federal Communications Commission to give serious consideration to the funding request submitted by the Network. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 765-331-2101 or via my e-mail address, swest.chsmaail.org.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Office

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 **Bloomington
Hospital of
Orange County**

April 24, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Dortch,

This letter is in reference to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and I'm writing to express the commitment and support of Bloomington Hospital of Orange County (BHOC) in Paoli, Indiana to this project.

BHOC is a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital located in rural Paoli, Indiana. The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and well-being of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, BHOC anticipates being able to expand its ability to access and give other providers of health care, access to electronic health records of patients, including ER records, inpatient records, and various testing results, including radiology images through our PACS and laboratory results through our lab system. In addition, we would hope to make it possible for visiting specialists to access their office EMR's from our Visiting Specialty Clinic, giving them access to the patient's full health information during their visit with the patient in this rural setting.

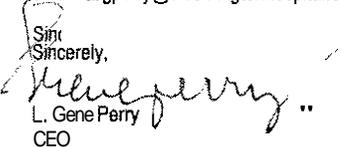
Given the previously listed benefits, BHOC is committed to participation in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications including as mentioned above; and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the *Indiana Health Network* are numerous and would prove very beneficial to BHOC. Accordingly, BHOC anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, BHOC will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your Sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 812.723-7410 or via e-mail at gperry@bloomingtonhospital.org.

Sincerely,


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CEO

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April 27, 2007

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Dear Secretary Dortch,

This letter regards the *Indiana Health Network*, which is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of the Community Hospital of Bremen (CHB) to this project.

CHB is a Critical Access Hospital in rural Bremen, Indiana. Our mission of addressing the healthcare needs of our community will be enhanced by connectivity with other providers throughout the state. With the increasing importance of telehealth applications, particularly to rural providers, improved access to true broadband connectivity will provide substantial benefit to our hospital, and ultimately to the community we serve.

The *Indiana Health Network* would improve on CHB's current T1 connections in our radiology department as well as allow us to take advantage of additional telehealth applications, continuing medical education, video conferencing and health information exchange.

Community Hospital of Bremen plans to participate in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates:

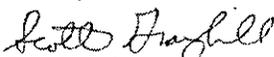
- 1) connecting to the network
- 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications
- 3) participating in a network advisory board

Given the obvious benefits to our healing mission, CHB would be willing to contribute to the network through customary monthly fees, and will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Your consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at (574) 546-8009 or via e-mail at sgraybill@bremenhospital.com.

Sincerely,


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President/CEO

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April 27, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing you today to express the support of Daviess Community Hospital in regard to the Indiana Health Network, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's rural Health Care Pilot Program.

Daviess Community Hospital is a 49 bed acute care hospital located in rural southwestern Indiana. Our hospital is county owned and has been in existence since 1913. Our county ranks in the bottom 10% of our state in terms of household income and we are also designated a Health Professions Shortage Area and a Medically Underserved Area. Due to these challenges we have opened six provider based rural health clinics in our area. One of our limiting components is connectivity between communities and our clinics. We also have a large Amish population that requires a tremendous amount of health education which can be provided at two of our rural health clinics. We recently installed a PACS system in our hospital and we find it very difficult to send images to our various clinics with the limitation of our local networks. Due to our limited resources we are exploring the possibility of improving healthcare in our area with the use of telemedicine. For this to be practical and successful we would need help with having access to broadband connectivity.

With the expressed needs above Daviess Community Hospital is committed to involvement in the proposed network. We would anticipate 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing telehealth applications and 3) participation in network advisory board or committees as needed.

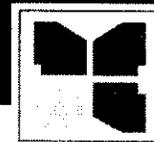
Daviess Community Hospital is very excited about the potential of the Indiana Health Network to vastly improve the quality of healthcare in our area and anticipate participating in the Network via customary monthly fees and or providing our staff to assist in the successful implementation of the network.

If you should have questions regarding this matter please contact me at 812-254-2760 or email at dkelso@dchosp.org.

Sincerely,



Don Kelso, V.P. Professional Services



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April 27, 2007

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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of Decatur County Memorial Hospital to this project.

Decatur County Memorial Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital that is located in rural Greensburg, Indiana. The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and well-being of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, Decatur County Memorial Hospital anticipates provision of wound care, dermatology, stroke clinic, web cam from clinic to clinic, after hours pharmacy oversight, medical staff education, GI consults, pulmonology, ACLS courses, home health support, mental health, CCC psychotropic review of drugs, occupational health and a decrease in the time needed to transfer radiology images (thereby reducing the number of deaths and disability from stroke and other injuries), utilization of additional telemedicine applications (thereby increasing access to specialty health care services for rural residents), and decreasing time and costs associated with travel otherwise required to access these services.

Given the previously listed benefits, Decatur County Memorial Hospital is committed to participation in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications, and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the *Indiana Health Network* are numerous and would prove very beneficial to Decatur County Memorial Hospital. Accordingly, Decatur County Memorial Hospital anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, Decatur County Memorial Hospital will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

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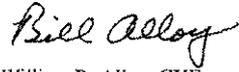
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If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 812-663-1170 or via e-mail at balloy@decmh.net.

Sincerely,

DECATUR COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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President

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April 27, 2007

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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of Gibson General Hospital to this project.

Gibson General Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital that is located in rural Princeton, Indiana. The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and well-being of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, Gibson General Hospital anticipates utilizing CT and MRI services with a decrease in the time needed to transfer radiology images thereby reducing the number of deaths and disability from stroke and other injuries, utilization of additional telemedicine applications thereby increasing access to specialty health care services for rural resident and decreasing time and costs associated with travel otherwise required to access these services.

Given the previously listed benefits, Gibson General Hospital is interested in participating in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications including CT, MRI and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the *Indiana Health Network* are numerous and would prove very beneficial to Gibson General Hospital. Accordingly, Gibson General Hospital anticipates contributing to the network via customary and reasonable monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, Gibson General Hospital will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 1-812-385-9221 or via e-mail at eschuster@gibsongeneral.com.

Sincerely,


Emmett C. Schuster
President and CEO

Dukes Memorial Hospital

April 27, 2007

Indiana Rural Health Association
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of Dukes Memorial Hospital to this project.

Dukes Memorial Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital that is located in rural Peru, Indiana. The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and well-being of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, Dukes Memorial Hospital anticipates a need for the utilization of additional telemedicine applications, such as PACS and video conferencing thereby increasing access to specialty health care services for rural resident and decreasing time and costs associated with travel otherwise required to access these services.

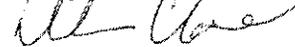
Given the previously listed benefits, Dukes Memorial Hospital is committed to participation in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications including PACS, Telemedicine and video conferencing; and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the *Indiana Health Network* are numerous and would prove very beneficial to Dukes Memorial Hospital. Accordingly, Dukes Hospital anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, Dukes Hospital will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 765-475-8765 or via e-mail at dclose@dukesmemorialhosp.com.

Sincerely,



Debra Close, CEO
Dukes Memorial Hospital



April 27, 2007

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Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of Good Samaritan Hospital to this project.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a 232 bed, full service, acute care community hospital that is located in rural Vincennes, Indiana. The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and well-being of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, Good Samaritan Hospital anticipates a decrease in the time needed to transfer radiology images thereby reducing the number of deaths and disability from stroke and other injuries, utilization of additional telemedicine applications thereby increasing access to specialty health care services for rural resident and decreasing time and costs associated with travel otherwise required to access these services.

Given the previously listed benefits, Good Samaritan Hospital is committed to participation in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications; and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the *Indiana Health Network* are numerous and would prove very beneficial to Good Samaritan Hospital. Accordingly, Good Samaritan Hospital anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, Good Samaritan Hospital will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 812-885-3333 or via e-mail at m.bailey@gshvin.org.

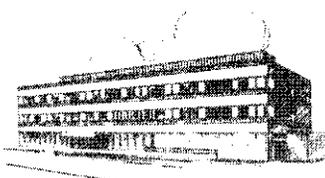
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Greene County General Hospital is an acute/general care Critical Access Hospital located in Linton, IN, which is in the southwest region of Indiana. The Hospital's primary service area is all of Greene County, including rural communities of Linton, Bloomfield, Jasonville, Worthington and Lyons, but also serves the residents of Owen County given the fact that there is no hospital in this county. In addition, Greene County General Hospital also operates a Rural Health Clinic in Worthington, Indiana.

The hospital provides inpatient, outpatient as well as home health care services, support of primary health care providers in the region and implementation of various health care promotion programs. The Greene County General Hospital currently implements teleradiology, tele-pharmacy, health information exchange and Medical Staff Chart-link and Order Entry applications.

Sincerely,

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Jonas Uland,
Executive Director

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President & CEO

April 27, 2007

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Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing you today in regards to the Indiana Health Network, a network that is being designed in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of Memorial Hospital to this project.

Memorial Hospital is an independent, county-owned hospital located in Logansport, Indiana, providing healthcare services to residents in Cass County and the surrounding areas of rural north central Indiana. Adjacent counties served by Memorial Hospital include Carroll, Fulton, Miami, Pulaski and White. Communities located in these counties include Delphi, Rochester, Peru, Winamac and Monticello.

The commitment of the hospital to improving the health and wellness of residents in the local community is formidable and will be strengthened through collaboration with other health care providers throughout the State of Indiana. It is anticipated that the Indiana Health Network will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

Through the implementation of the Indiana Health Network, Memorial Hospital anticipates the implementation of PACS; remote conferencing between primary facility and outlying clinical locations in the county; physician portal; video conferencing for training; expansion of Logansport Health Education Center and Ruth Lilly initiative and home monitoring equipment for CHF, diabetes, and other chronic conditions. The utilization of telemedicine applications will increase access of health care services for our rural residents and decrease time and costs associated with travel otherwise associated to access those services.

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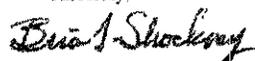
Memorial Hospital is committed to participation in the network. Specifically, the hospital anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing telehealth applications; and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees.

The benefits of the Indiana Health Network are limitless and would prove beneficial to Memorial Hospital and the rural communities that it serves. Memorial Hospital anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees, which will aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, Memorial Hospital will share the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, we look forward to a favorable review.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 574-753-1385 or via email at bs Shockney@mhlogan.org.

Sincerely,



Brian T. Shockney
President/CEO

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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of St. Vincent Health to this project.

St. Vincent
Indianapolis Hospital

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St. Joseph
Hospital

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Carmel Hospital

St. Vincent
Children's Hospital

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Clay Hospital

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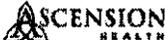
St. Vincent
Women's Hospital

St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Hospital

We are a 16 hospital delivery system spanning over 45 counties in central Indiana. We operate six (6) critical access hospitals and many designated rural health clinics and other rural based physician offices. We experience the challenges of rural, underserved markets that have limited resources and access to services. The feeling of provider isolation is real, and the need for improved telecommunications infrastructure throughout Indiana is a dramatic need. St. Vincent Health works very closely with many providers throughout the State, including many of Indiana's 35 critical access hospital sites. There is a strong need for improved access to bandwidth so that alternative systems of care can be developed that include expanded bandwidth for tele-radiology, and other new and innovative telemedicine applications. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of tele-health applications

In addition, St. Vincent Health has participated and supported the State of Indiana on Rural Health Strategy development. The Indiana Lt. Governor, in conjunction with hundreds of business leaders across the State has developed a Rural Strategy for Indiana. This plan identifies healthcare and telecommunication as key issues throughout the State that must be addressed. This FCC grant can help Indiana address this urgent need.

Through the implementation of the *Indiana Health Network*, St. Vincent Health anticipates a greater ability to connect to Internet?, and will allow our system rural hospitals access to greater bandwidth at more competitive prices. It will allow us to revisit our telecommunication

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business plans to determine if greater efficiencies and improved systems of care can be achieved with this technology. We already have an array of telemedicine services in the St. Vincent Tele-health Program portfolio. We see this opportunity as a way to further develop those capabilities, while improving our services to areas of Indiana that are underserved, or lack access to health care services.

Quality indicators are often measured in time to treat. Reducing time to treat through improved Radiology services alone will reduce the number of deaths and disability from stroke and other injuries. Utilization of additional telemedicine applications will increase access to specialty health care services for rural residents and decreasing time and costs associated with travel otherwise required to access these services.

Given the previously listed benefits, St. Vincent Health is committed to participation in the network and strongly supports the purpose of the FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Specifically, the hospital system will 1) participate in the planning and implementation efforts, 2) participate on governing boards for the new network; 3) will provide consultation to healthcare providers throughout the State of Indiana on telemedicine and program start-up, and 4) provide technical expertise throughout the project as determined necessary to carry out a successful project. After network structure and function are established, St. Vincent Health will evaluate connectivity to all six (6) CAH sites to determine economic feasibility versus our current telecommunication solutions to these remote sites. Our organization will continue to provide telecommunications consultation and participate in network planning as appropriate.

Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the Indiana Health Network is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 317-338-7057 if you have any further need for comments on this initiative

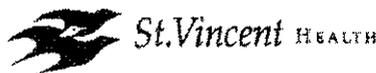
Respectfully,



Jon Rahman, M.D.
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St. Vincent Health

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April 19, 2007

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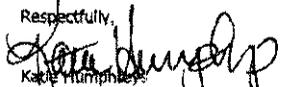
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Realizing the potential impact upon healthcare providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 317-338-4826.

Respectfully,



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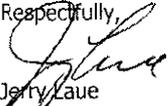
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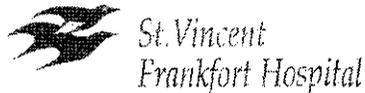
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Respectfully,


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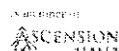
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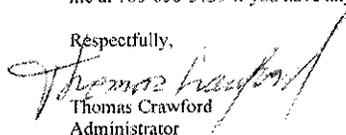
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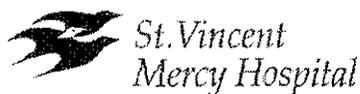
Realizing the potential impact upon health care providers and residents throughout the State of Indiana, particularly those in rural Indiana, your sincere consideration regarding funding for the *Indiana Health Network* is greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 765-656-3139 if you have any further need for comments on this initiative.

Respectfully,



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Administrator



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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing you today in regards to the *Indiana Health Network*, a network that is being planned in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, and the commitment of St. Vincent Mercy Hospital to this project.

As a member of St. Vincent Health, we are part of a 16 hospital delivery system spanning over 45 counties in central Indiana. St. Vincent Mercy Hospital is one of the six (6) critical access hospitals and many designated rural health clinics and other rural based physician offices operated by the St. Vincent Health system. At St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, we experience the challenges of rural, underserved markets that have limited resources and access to services. The feeling of provider isolation is real, and the need for improved telecommunications infrastructure throughout Indiana is a dramatic need. There is a strong need for improved access to bandwidth so that alternative systems of care can be developed for new and innovative *telemedicine applications*. It is anticipated that the *Indiana Health Network* will prove beneficial to Indiana's rural health care providers and ultimately rural patients through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of tele-health applications.

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If you should have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 765-552-4594 if you have any further need for comments on this initiative.

Respectfully,

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Dear Secretary Dortch:

As a member of the Indiana Rural Health Association, Schneck Medical Center is committed to the Indiana Health Network's Rural Health Care Pilot Program to fund the installation of broadband connection to Indiana's rural healthcare providers.

Schneck Medical Center (SMC) is a short term acute care hospital that is located in rural Seymour, Indiana. Our Mission, "To Provide Quality Healthcare To All We Serve" concurs with the Indiana Health Network's mission to strengthen collaboration with Indiana healthcare providers through improved access to broadband and connectivity that will enable increased utilization of telehealth applications.

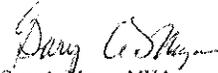
Through the implementation of the Indiana Health Network, SMC anticipates 1) an increase in remote access by physicians to SMC's information systems including electronic medical records, which would allow for more timely treatment for our patients, 2) faster response times for remote users of SMC's PACS, 3) dedicated links to remote referral sources, and 4) additional remote educational access for our physicians and staff.

Broadband technologies offer a substantial opportunity to improve the way healthcare is delivered. Schneck Medical Center anticipates 1) connecting to the network; 2) implementing and/or improving telehealth applications including PACS, eICU and eER; and 3) participation in network advisory board and working committees as deemed appropriate.

The benefits of the Indiana Health Network are numerous and would prove very beneficial to SMC. Therefore, SMC anticipates contributing to the network via customary monthly fees to aid in the sustainability of this endeavor. In addition, SMC will lend the expertise of its staff as needed to aid in the successful implementation of network activities.

I welcome questions or comments you may have regarding the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program and can be reached at 812-524-4234 or via e-mail at gmeyer@schneckmed.org.

Sincerely,


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